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Impulse Devices furthers fossil fuel studies

BY ALEXANDRA COMBS
The Daily Mississippian

The world burns copious amounts of irreplaceable fossil fuel each day, generating a global realization that these fuels will inevitably burn up. Fossil fuels are burned every time we use electricity, and the U. S. burns more fossil fuel each day than any other country. Fossil fuels are sources of energy: They are organic materials such as oil, coal, and natural gases that have been derived from the remains of former life. It is estimated that within the next 300 years, the world's supply of fossil fuels will be gone, eliminating the ability to produce energy. Impulse Devices, a California-based research company is currently conducting experiments that may provide a solution to alternative energy. Kenneth Bader, a graduate student working at the University of Mississippi, spends his time conducting research for Impulse Devices.

"If we continue to burn off all the fossil fuels, of course there is going to be some adverse reaction," Bader said.

If the research Bader is working on proves to be successful, it will create an unlimited energy source, cutting the current amount of fossil fuel consumption.

An alternative source of energy will also be more environmentally friendly.

"You don't have the greenhouse gases, in essence this is better for the environment," Bader said.

Greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide, methane, ozone, and fluorocarbons. These gases trap heat in the atmosphere, and are responsible for climate change. When fossil fuels are burned, they create carbon dioxide.

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A new grant will allow the power house to expand its rear walls to accommodate for larger crowds.

Powerhouse awarded grant for continued renovations

BY MASON MCMILLION
The Daily Mississippian

The Economic Development Initiative and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded a \$285,000 grant to the Powerhouse Community Arts Center to perform further renovations to the facility.

However, not all of the renovations and additions coming to the Powerhouse through the grant will be visual or appar-

ent.

"In this renovation, it's actually the things that you won't see," said Wayne Andrews, director of the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council and the Powerhouse. "The Powerhouse needs things like backstage lighting and other technical areas that we are going to have to build to help with certain arts areas."

Andrews said this is part of an ongoing campaign to renovate the building.

The Powerhouse, owned by the city of Oxford, passed the approval of the Powerhouse grant Tuesday at the Board of Aldermen meeting.

"Because the Powerhouse is a city-owned building, the money has to be approved by the city before the grant can be worked out," Andrews said. "The process takes a while because of paperwork and reports to see if we are a valid agency to accept for the renovations."

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Applications available for spring campus group fund allocation

BY JACOB BATTE
The Daily Mississippian

Spring allocations are a chance for organizations that did not receive funding in the fall to apply or reapply for money.

In the fall, the Associated Student Body allocates the majority of the money, which came out to be approximately \$32,000.

After the allocations were given out for the fall, there was roughly \$5,000 left over, which will be used to help fund organizations during the

spring semester.

"We try to fund everybody," Bill Rosenblatt, ASB treasurer, said. "In the fall, we were able to fund everybody that asked and showed up for their interview."

The funding only goes to recognized campus organizations. These organizations must have: a faculty, staff or administrative adviser, a constitution that is recognized by the ASB student's office and be a registered organization on OrgSync.

"The amount of funding for each organization depends on

the number of people within the organization, how the funding will affect the organization and how it will affect the campus as a whole," Rosenblatt said.

To apply for spring allocations, e-mail Rosenblatt at asbtreasurer1@gmail.com. After the application process, Rosenblatt will interview the organization to determine if, and how much, the organization will receive.

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Why Egypt Is Important



BY BRANDON
IRVINE
Columnist

If you’ve bothered to look at any form of media at all over the last two weeks, you’d know that there’s a big thing going on over in the Middle East. Tunisia’s government fell at the end of January and has been replaced, and pressure is on Egypt and now Yemen to go through the same.

In fact, as I’m writing this, police forces and ordinary Egyptian civilians who support President Hosni Mubarak have been fighting with Egyptians who want him gone far sooner than September as he proposed Tuesday.

More than 600 people have already been injured in the clashes, and by the time this is printed, that number will probably have doubled.

One of America’s biggest foreign policy objectives over the last decade has been the spread of democracy in the Middle East. We’ve toppled autocratic regimes in Iraq and Afghani-

stan and replaced them with democratic governments.

Mubarak is an autocrat who has ruled Egypt for nearly 30 years, since the assassination of his predecessor Anwar Sadat in 1981.

Theoretically, his removal from power and replacement by a democratically elected successor should be something the United States should be supporting.

But we’re not. Because, despicable despot that he is, Mubarak is also an important U.S. ally, thanks to a second big American foreign policy objective: regional stability in the Middle East.

Regional stability in the Middle East is, or might as well be, a euphemism for “keeping everybody off Israel’s back.” And what’s more stable than a regime that’s been in place for 30 years?

So we’re trying to forge a middle road: putting equal

pressure on the protesters in Egypt to calm down (and hope the Yemenis calm down in turn) and for Mubarak to give up the goat.

Unfortunately, the escalation of the violence in Cairo and elsewhere in the wake of Mubarak’s Tuesday announcement that he would not stand in the Egyptian presidential election that is scheduled to take place in September shows that the course the U.S. is plotting is not a good one.

Finding a solution that satisfies both sides in Egypt is critical for both of the big foreign policy priorities butting heads as a result of the crisis. In fact, it’s time to question whether Mubarak’s continued presence in the Egyptian presidential palace is now more of a hindrance than a help on our quest for stability in the region.

In my view, and that of Sen. John McCain, the best way at this point to promote the sec-

ond (or perhaps, at this point first) priority of stability is to come out firmly on the side of democracy and tell Mubarak “Hey, it’s time to go, buddy.”

McCain put out a statement Wednesday night calling for Mubarak to resign immediately and transfer power to a caretaker administration that could govern Egypt until an election can be held, either at the currently scheduled September date or earlier if possible.

He concluded the statement by saying “the greatest contribution that President Mubarak can make to the cause of democracy in his country is to remove himself from power.”

As we’ve seen in Iraq and Afghanistan, transitions to democracy from autocracy aren’t exactly the smoothest things in the world, but even a fledgling democracy would bring more stability to the Middle East than an autocracy under internal pressure.

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EDITORIAL BOARD

Sunday alcohol sales based on money, not morals

The Daily Mississippian Editorial Board consists of Caroline Lee, editor-in-chief; Emily Roland, managing editor; Cain Madden, campus news editor; Lance Ingram, city news editor; Mia Camurati, opinion editor; Emily Cegielski, features editor; Paul Katool, sports editor; Austin Miller, assistant sports editor; Katie Ridgeway, design editor; and Addison Dent, photo editor. The board meets weekly to discuss city and campus issues.

The dreams of all Oxonians have finally come true: Sunday alcohol sales have been approved by both the Board of Aldermen and the state of Mississippi.

Sunday sales does not mean every Sunday right now, but it does mean that you can go and have a drink the Sunday after a big Grove day and most holidays when they fall on the Sabbath.

After years of pleading with the Board, they switched their decision seemingly overnight and approved the sales for one reason: money.

Since the beginning of this fiasco, we have been told repeatedly that alcohol was restricted because of religion or to keep Sundays quiet. Now, that's just not true.

The days that have been listed as appropriate for sales are the days when they know little Oxford will be buzzing with people, and they will be able to make the most money possible during the 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. time constraint. They are the days after football games, Mother's Day, Father's Day and holidays like New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day and the Fourth of July when they fall on Sundays.

We have no problem with the choice to sell alcohol on Sundays, and we would support its sale every Sunday of the year.

What we have a problem with is the hypocrisy behind the decision.

The Board is hiding behind its belief system as the reason for limited sales and as the reason why this has not been passed in the past.

Obviously, this is not true, or this decision would not have made it out of Board of Aldermen meetings.

Money became too irresistible, but no one wants to admit it. Why else would we only choose days that have potential to be profitable?

The simple truth is that many different organizations like to hide behind religion. It is not wrong to base important personal decisions on beliefs and faith. However, it is wrong to use religion as a cop out.

No matter the belief – Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism – hypocritical convictions have been thrown at each.

The Board using religion as a crutch until the money became too good to pass up and still spouting its faith talk is precisely the hypocritical behavior that is so much of the time the glass through which society perceives believers.

If you're going to have convictions, stick to them and be honest with us. If you're going to give up on them for the monetary gain presented by changing your beliefs, the belief probably wasn't very concrete to start with.

The Lamest of Ducks



BY MATTHEW HENRY
Columnist

The way we hold elections and install our legislators and executives is out-of-date and needs to be changed.

I'm sure all of you have heard talk about the "lame duck" congress or President. Every two years, this issue is brought back up but is quickly forgotten as soon as the new congress and/or President takes office.

Have you ever stopped to ask why we have such a system that would allow elected officials to remain in office well after an election (which in some cases he or she may not have won)?

The answer is technology.

The modes of travel and the modes of counting votes have vastly improved in the past two centuries. While there are many ways in which to interpret the Constitution, I am not sure if many people could make the argument of maintaining such a long time between the election and installation of officials.

Two hundred years ago, the time it took to count votes and then for each elector to cast his votes made necessary the two-month period. But now we know the results of the election by midnight of election night. It is not necessary to keep the country waiting that long.

So are there any benefits to keeping the system as it currently stands?

The only things that are beneficial is that it gives plenty of time for a recount (such as the issues that arose around the 2000 election). It also gives time for the previous administration or Congressmen leaving office time to transition to the new elected official.

Truthfully, those are the only benefits. The negatives greatly outweigh the positives.

When it comes to the legislature, we have a Congress which continues to serve for a significant amount time, even when they have not been reelected. The same holds true for the President of the United States.

These elected officials remain in office simply because the method by which they are installed is based off of time constraints of the late 18th century.

So how do we go about fixing this?

First it would require an amendment to the Constitution, which is no easy feat. We need to develop a system where the newly elected congress and President take power as soon as possible over the election (I'm not making a partisan statement, the same holds true when either party takes control of an office).

I think the installment should occur as soon as the election results are certified by each state giving time for a recount. I do not see any reason why the new congress and President could not be installed at the beginning of December.

It would allow for more representative government and allow for more expedient transition after elections. Sometimes we have to update our methods when better forms of communication are utilized. We now use mostly electronic voting machines rather than hand counting ballots.

It's time we brought the rest of our electoral process into the 21st century.

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Ole Miss Idol returns for a seventh year

BY KAITIE HARRISON
The Daily Mississippian

Students interested in taking a shot at becoming the next star on campus may have an opportunity in the near future.

The Student Programming Board, the Department of Campus Programming and Papa John's Pizza will host the seventh-annual Ole Miss Idol talent competition starting Wednesday.

The competition will be held at 7 p.m. in the Student Union

Food Court. The public is invited to attend all four rounds at no charge, and Papa John's Pizza will provide free pizza each night.

Bradley Baker, coordinator of student programs, said that the competition has been popular in the past.

"We started the competition in 2004, and it has been successful every year," Baker said.

"The event is definitely one of the most popular events sponsored by the Student Programming Board. The contestants competing have been very talented over the past six

years."

UM's version of the Fox show "American Idol" gives students an opportunity to come together and appreciate each other's talents.

"It's a great way for students to showcase their talent, and we love it when they showcase it to other students and faculty who want to come watch," co-director of special events Wil Yerger said.

The first round features a two-minute a capella version of a song chosen by contestants. Following the auditions, contestants will be selected to

compete in the quarterfinals on Feb. 16 and semifinals on Feb. 23.

For the quarterfinals, contestants will perform a song from the 1970s era, and then a song from the 1980s during the semifinal round.

"We look forward to a very entertaining show each week," Baker said.

The judges of the competition will range from week to week, and are composed of Ole Miss Idol winners, faculty, staff and Rebel Radio DJs.

For the final round on March 2, contestants will perform a

song of their choice, and the winner will be awarded a \$500 prize.

"Along with the \$500 prize, the winner of Ole Miss Idol has the possibility of performing at various campus events throughout the year," Baker said.

Yerger said the best part of the competition is seeing how much it affects students.

"I love it at the end when we announce the winner and see their reactions," Yerger said. "It's great how much a small victory at Ole Miss really affects them."

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Last year, renovations to the Powerhouse included new lighting and sound equipment.

This year, Andrews said he is sure the renovations the grant will make possible will go even further to help with the stage areas that need more extensive work.

"This will be an ongoing renovation to enhance the former 1920 building to get tools for programming for the arts groups," Andrews said.

Andrews said there will be many new inside additions to the Powerhouse, as well as outside additions like a sculpture to help spice the place up.

Tim Akers, city planner of Oxford, is helping work out compliance to the grant. After the grant is worked through, Akers will help hire the appropriate people to make sure the renovation plans are carried out.

The start date for the renovations is still unknown and design is still a while away, Andrews said.

The engineers and design group of the renovation project have not been selected; however, after the grant paperwork is complete, a project team will be assigned.

Andrews said Howorth Institutes has helped them on previous renovations and are hoping they will lend a hand in this project.

"We have worked hard for years to move the building forward, and every step we take in advancing the building we are looking forward to," Andrews said.

Previous grants to the Powerhouse were donated by organizations such as Housing and Urban Development, the Mississippi Arts Commission and the City of Oxford.

Oxford head shop aims to serve what smokers lack

BY LEE HARRIS
The Daily Mississippian

Oxford has a relatively new tobacco accessories store: Sacred Flower, which was opened seven months ago by three friends from Statesboro, Ga..

The shop sells everything from glass smoking pipes to Buddhist and Taoist collectibles.

"We basically wanted to come in and sell whatever the kids in Oxford want that isn't already here," co-owner Brian Thompson said.

The store is laid out much like a doctor's office. It has a large front room and a hallway that leads back to a series of smaller rooms.

The front room showcases Buddhist and Taoist religious icons while glass pipes and other smoking accessories occupy the back rooms.

"When we first opened, everything was in the front room," Thompson said. "But we moved the pipes to the back as quickly as possible be-

cause if that wasn't what people were looking for, we didn't want them to be offended."

In an effort to give back to the community, the three men have a case of items they sell to support breast cancer.

The items, which consist of things like notebooks, key chains and necklaces, are given to customers based on the amount of the donation he or she makes to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Pretty much, if you make a donation to breast cancer, you get a gift," Funk said.

"It's just a nice way to make a little money for breast cancer awareness."

The store does very little advertising outside their Facebook and Twitter pages. The owners said the limited advertising is a deliberate decision.

"We don't want to advertise, have people come in that don't know what we do and be offended," Thompson said. "It's just not one of those businesses you advertise widely."

Thompson said their line of business is one that is best

promoted by word of mouth.

"We basically walked around handing out business cards to anyone wearing tie-dye," he said.

"We kind of profiled our customers a little, but it worked. Word spreads pretty fast among friends."

Despite spending very little on promoting Sacred Flower, the men are happy with the growth they have experienced.

"We're at the spot where our store in Statesboro was after two years in only seven months here," Funk said. "We're very happy about that because we have put a lot of hard work into it."

Sacred Flower is located behind the M&F bank and McDonalds on Jackson Avenue. It is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

The men said they plan to continue expanding and eventually feature what they call "hippie" type clothing and handbags.

"We're just living the American dream," he said.



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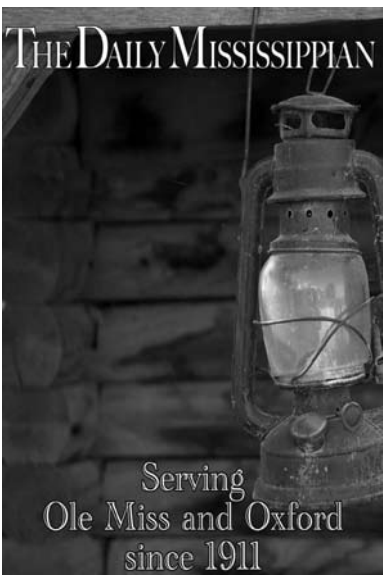
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What do you think about Sunday sales being approved by the State?

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Guillermo Buitrago, junior hospitality management:

"I think it's good because it's going to help businesses in Oxford make more money. Sunday is usually my day to do school work, but I would go to watch a sporting event, like the Superbowl."



Justin Kirk, junior marketing communications:

"From a business perspective, it may increase sales a few dollars but that doesn't necessarily affect profits. Bars would more than likely be nearly empty and lose money since not many people would come, and they have to pay someone to man the place. Other than an open sign, I don't think things will change very much."



Max Hammel, sophomore education:

"I think it's a good idea to approve alcohol sales on some Sundays and holidays. This will help businesses make more money. I would definitely go to a bar on Sundays to have a drink and watch football."



Madison Lannom, senior psychology:

"Having alcohol on these days is no different than on any other days, and it would not cause harm to anyone. It would benefit businesses and increase their profit on days that usually don't draw many customers. For things like Sunday night football, Valentine's Day, and other holidays that fall on a Sunday, I would be able to cease the restriction of staying at home just so I can enjoy a drink."



Megan Sutphin, junior exercise science:

"I don't drink much at all, so it won't really affect me, but if it helps businesses thrive and bring in extra revenue on these days then that's great for business and their customers."

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BARBOUR FAMILY FLIGHTS ON STATE PLANES UNDER FIRE

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A day after the Mississippi House passed a bill aimed at restricting the use of state planes, a Democratic leader released documents showing Republican Gov. Haley Barbour had used the aircraft for personal family trips and wouldn't disclose details of the outings.

House Judiciary A Committee Chairman Ed Blackmon, D-Canton, provided the documents Thursday that detailed what seven such trips between 2006 and 2008. The documents called the trips questionable. Barbour wasn't on some of the flights, according to the documents, which were obtained by the state attorney general's office and later used to brief lawmakers.

Barbour, who is believed to be mulling a presidential run next year, has been criticized by legislators about his use of state planes in the past. Barbour spokesman Dan Turner wouldn't comment Thursday on the flights' purpose. None appeared to be fundraising junkets.

"Unlike others who used the state plane in the past, Gov. Barbour requests that he be billed for any travel considered personal. When he receives the bill, he pays it. All invoices ... referenced in the report have been paid," Turner said Thursday in an e-mail.

Barbour reimbursed the state \$41,090 for his use of state-owned aircraft, the documents show.

But Blackmon said the reimbursements didn't include pilot costs because the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Public Safety don't factor crew expenses when calculating the hourly rate of plane use.

"It needs to be clear the plane

should be used for governmental purposes. There should be no ambiguity," Blackmon said. "The state of Mississippi hasn't given any direction or provided any guidance on what the actual reimbursements should cover," Blackmon said.

The House passed a bill Wednesday that would limit the use of state aircraft to official state business. The proposal now moves to the Senate.

The attorney general's office said in the documents that Barbour's office wouldn't comply with requests for information about the flights.

In recent years, the House has attempted to restrict Barbour's use of some state aircraft, includ-

ing an unsuccessful proposal to sell a jet because of the state's tight finances.

The documents released Thursday included flight records, copies of Barbour's checks and letters the governor wrote to then-DPS Commissioner George Phillips.

The governor accumulated a total of 82.7 hours of what the attorney general's office called questionable flights on DPS planes and 17.8 hours of such flights on DFA planes.

The trips were considered questionable because a stop was made between departure and destination points; a member of Barbour's family was on the plane or they were the only passengers or flight records didn't contain a

statement of purpose.

The flights didn't appear to be fund-raising junkets. Most were to the Barbour's hometown of Yazoo City or Alabaster, Ala., where one of the governor's sons lives. According to the records, Barbour wasn't present on some flights, but his family members were. For instance, a Dec. 23, 2007, flight listed Barbour's son, Sterling, his wife and two babies as passengers on a trip from Jackson to Alabaster, Ala., and back to Jackson. The attorney general's office said there was no record of "direct" reimbursement for that flight.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Doug Davis, R-Hernando, said he didn't see a problem with

Barbour's use of the plane if he reimbursed the state.

But House Appropriations Chairman Johnny Stringer, D-Montrose, disagreed.

"What would happen if the House speaker put his family on a state plane and flew out of state? This is not a rental plane," Stringer said.

Kym Wiggins, a spokeswoman for DFA, said state planes under DFA's purview are intended for state use.

"If it is determined that during the course of a trip for 'official state business' a personal stop is made, DFA will seek reimbursement for those costs," Wiggins said.

The bill is House Bill 1201.

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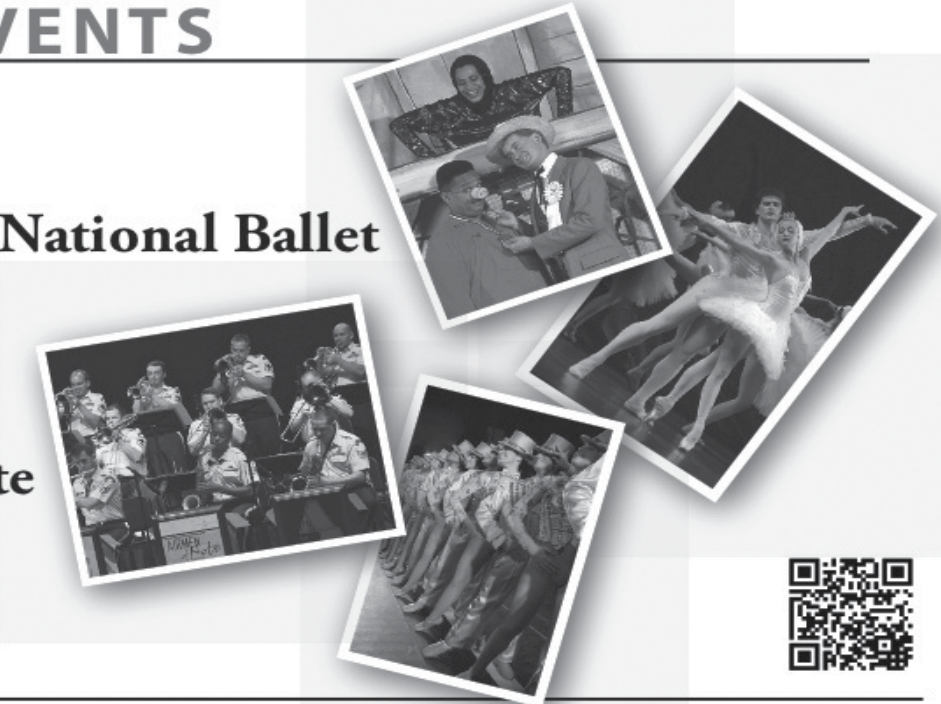
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Discovering an alternative source of energy is extremely complex, and it will take some time to produce useful resources.

“The trick will be engineering this so that you get more energy out, than how much you put in,” Bader said. “There is a good possibility you could do this. It could potentially be a big break through.”

Charles Church, senior research scientist and research professor of physics, heads the research project at the University.

“First we have to prove that our research is correct so that we can make a practical machine,” Church said.

Church said the hope is that once these machines are constructed, they will be dispersed throughout the world and within time be made small enough for each home to have one.

JJ Grey & Mofro: Georgia Warhorse

BY MIRIAM TAYLOR
The Daily Mississippian

Southern rocker JJ Grey and his band Mofro is bringing their down-home rock and blues back to Oxford tonight.

The band released its latest album “Georgia Warhorse” in late 2010 and is now celebrating with a quick February tour of the southeast before Grey starts his 16-city solo tour at the end of the month.

These men are not the next Lynyrd Skynyrd nor a younger generation’s Allman Brothers, though all three bands formed in Jacksonville. Instead, Mofro follows in the tradition and history of the deep south’s kings of soul such as Otis Redding, Rufus Thomas and John Lee Hooker.

The new album starts off with the swamp-funk jam “Diyo-Day” which pulls in the listener with the expectation of a regular foot-tapping rock band. Things then switch up with two heavy ballads that feature Grey’s baritone and powerful lyrics – hooking the listener for the rest of the album.

“The Sweetest Thing” is reminiscent of Otis Redding’s “Sitting on the Dock of the Bay” with its horn section, but what really stands out about this track is the use of reggae legend Toots Hibbert’s vocals.

The title track was inspired by a species of grasshoppers that are tough as Tonka trucks and respected for their tenacity. The song features lyrics just as tenacious as those grasshoppers: “Well I heard you say/ you’ve got a knife/ well you gonna

get more than you bargained for here tonight/ ‘cause I was born with a smile and a heart of stone.”

The different instruments implemented in the song, including the harmonica, make this particular track sound just like one of the originals from the golden age of southern blues. The blood, sweat and tears that Grey has put in over the years is evident as he puts his soul into each word and guitar riff.

The gem of the album is not the title track nor the sensual number “Slow, Hot & Sweaty” or even the unique “Lullaby,” but instead is the classic sounding “Gotta Know.” This track makes the listener ache and reminds me of nothing more than Joe Cocker singing “With a Little Help from my Friends.”

Two drastically different genres of music, both sung with soul that leaves the listener wanting more.

Georgia Warhorse is a soulful and poetic album with sultry vocals that make even the most skeptic of critics, even those who have never been fans of southern rock, suggest the album to others. This may be the album to jet JJ Grey and Mofro into a wider, more mainstream audience.

This album, along with its predecessors, will continue to be treasured and enjoyed by those who can still value heart, depth and soul in a generation that finds a girl who writes her name with a dollar sign to be talented.

Hear JJ Grey and Mofro tonight at 8 p.m. at The Lyric. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door.

‘Biggest Loser’ winner comes to Ole Miss

BY CASEY HOLLIDAY
The Daily Mississippian

It is that time of year again. New Year’s has passed. By now, those pesky resolutions are in full swing, and for the next two months, the Turner Center will be filled with people working on their spring bodies.

That is, until the beginning of March, when everyone will give up and go back to their normal ways.

But hopefully, this year will be different with Patrick House, the winner of “The Biggest Loser 10,” coming to Oxford today.

Starting at 400 pounds, House lost 181 pounds while on the hit television show, which gave the father of two a final weight of 219 pounds.

Today, House is bringing his dreams, goals and challenges to the University of Mississippi.

“I have always been a lifelong Reb-

els fan, and paying that forward is definitely important to me,” House said. “I am no super human. I’m just a regular person from Mississippi. Anyone can do it; it just takes a change in lifestyle.”

Aside from speaking about nutrition and a healthy lifestyle, he is ready for any other off-the-wall questions students may have. He is prepared to discuss behind-the-scenes secrets and life on the Biggest Loser ranch - anything anyone wants to know.

“I’m excited to be able to address a lot of fun and crazy questions,” he said with a laugh.

A native of Vicksburg, House obtained a business management degree from Delta State University, where he played for the school’s football team.

His position required him to eat a lot to keep his large build, and he kept the habit after injuring himself.

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Stumbling Through Oxford Backwards: Geology Instructor Cathy Grace



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Cathy Grace lectures in her Geology 105 class.

BY BOWE PARTIN
The Daily Mississippian

The path to Oxford was rather unorthodox for geology instructor Cathy Grace.

A Meridian native, Grace said she had the urge to leave the state and begin driving tankers for a trucking company.

However, after seeing the world outside Mississippi, she decided that home might not be so bad.

“My autobiography will be titled ‘Stumbling Through Life Backwards,’” Grace said. “Every few years, I look around and see where

I am.”

Describing herself as an “over-the-hill undergrad,” Grace began studying at the University of Mississippi in 1991, completed her geology degree in 1994 and achieved her master’s of engineering science degree in 1996.

Grace taught her first geology class at Ole Miss in 2004: The department needed an extra instructor, and she needed some extra cash.

“It was the last step before ‘Welcome, Walmart shoppers,’” Grace

said.

Despite her lack of experience and fear of public speaking, Grace found her comfort zone after ten lectures and was appointed as an official instructor for the department of geology and geological engineering.

After finding her rhythm, Grace quickly developed her own teaching style with innovations such as her “Geology Music of the Day,” including “Landslide” by Fleetwood Mac, “Dust in the Wind” by

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Fashion Forecast: Learning from our elders

BY MARY B. SELLERS
The Daily Mississippian

It's tough to accept when our elders are right.

I was constantly (and still am sometimes) berated with off-hand comments from my mother and grandmother about how short my skirt was or how my top was too snug.

When I came home hungover from a combination of sleepless honors college nights (and a few too many other kinds of sleepless nights) I was welcomed with criticism. In my grandmother's eyes, I probably look like a confused prostitute.

I just cannot get enough of them devil clothes (kidding), although I would not doubt it one bit if my relatives fell for this.

Our generation is quickly becoming a lost cause in the eyes of past generations.

We must understand that these ladies hail from a different world entirely. Clothing was simple and modest in those days – their version

of a short skirt was knee-length.

To be honest, we probably all need a little more simplicity in our lives.

It is refreshing to take a break from the sequins, feathers and beads our generation loves. Many girls dress like Lady Gaga Jr. half the time. For the other half, we try to be Malibu Barbie.

I am not saying this is wrong because I often buy into the "more is better" philosophy. It is fun, but being simple – wearing a classic sheath dress, some patent shoes and looking like you fell out of a J. Crew catalog – is good, too.

Think Audrey Hepburn meets Kate Moss.

This simplicity can be a combination of new and old. We can satisfy our female relatives and eat our cake, too! I believe the period from the 1950s to early 1960s was an overlooked renaissance of individual style. Jackie O had it going on. Marilyn Monroe rubbed elbows with the cultural and political elite.

Those who watch "Mad Men"

can see how many stylistic options those women had. There is really something to be said about the idea that less is more. It's not always necessary, but it's a good option at times.

It is important not to look forced but, rather, wholesome and appealing. A perfect example is the little black dress: nearly every woman owns one. The LBD is a staple that never goes out of style, is appropriate for any occasion and is a gift that keeps on giving.

Women aim for the effortlessly sexy look and envy male counterparts that roll out of bed and look beautiful.

I know many people confuse simple with plain, and that needs to be cleared up. A simple dress (think Breakfast At Tiffany's) is elegant and flatters the figure while enhancing the natural beauty of its wearer.

Something that is plain adds nothing to the individual's appearance.

I would suggest to anyone who wants a wardrobe makeover or a fun, based-on-true-events fashion

biography to watch "Coco before Chanel."

Coco Chanel was an artist at emphasizing simplicity for women, and the brand still accomplishes that. She was a master at the art of suggestion, leaving some things to the imagination and playing up other aspects of the body.

Fashion shouldn't be easy, nor should it be a cheap trick. It should be something that creates a story while withholding information from the public.

It is obvious that we learn from the past, and I am hoping that history will repeat itself here. Choose the less extravagant of the two shirts—one with a higher neckline. Put down the heavily beaded turtleneck that looks like a toddler attacked it with a Bedazzler gun and opt for a basic cardigan.

I am not saying we should ignore embellished pieces or low dresses, but to use a good mix of old and new, edgy and classic. I like to take my fashion seriously, just like my Grandma.



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This led to his battle with obesity.

Although his struggle with weight turned him into a reality TV star, he realizes it is an issue that plagues all of Mississippi, including this University.

The latest study conducted by the Center for Health Behavior in spring

of 2009 showed that 37 percent of Ole Miss's campus is overweight - something the Office of Health Promotion is trying to change.

"It is not so much about extreme weight loss; it's about teaching proper diet techniques and nutrition," Ellen Schafer, assistant director of health promotion, said.

As the fattest state in America, where

fried food and sweet tea is the norm for every meal, this is a cause everyone can get support.

Here is the skinny: 2/3 of American adults and over 18 percent of America's high schoolers are overweight, according to the Center for Disease Control. And things certainly are not getting better.

"People need to stop placing the

blame on everyone except themselves," says freshman Roc Cook, pre-pharmacy major.

"Staying healthy and following good nutrition is hard work, and there is not an easy way to be fit. We can talk openly and honestly about the problems that are facing our country today."

The road to being healthier begins

with yourself, and that is the goal of House's visit: to offer advice and to help students on the bumpy journey to a healthy lifestyle.

Patrick House will be signing autographs and accepting questions from 10:30 to 12:30 at the Turner Center, and from 1:30 to 3 at Smoothie King, which will be giving out free samples and coupons.



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Kansas and "Canary in a Coalmine" by The Police.

It might be worth a quiz point or two if one of her students can find any songs she might have missed.

Grace also enjoys having a close interaction with the Ole Miss student-athletes. She admits that tennis and soccer players are her favorites, but as a season ticketholder for women's basketball, Grace said, "I love my Lady Rebels."

During her tenure, Grace has noticed several trends around campus with each incoming class. Most recently, the growing population at Ole Miss has proved to be a great impact because of the limitations it has caused within her department.

"We have happy students, and the word gets out about our program," Grace said. "We seem to have hit a critical mass, and there are issues when you have less faculty, more

students and the same budget."

Of the recent freshman geology trip in October, Grace said leading 69 students in two buses was "like herding chickens."

Grace has also noticed more serious and alarming trends around campus: a sense of entitlement and cheating.

For some of her students, Grace said the levels of responsibility and accountability have been reduced to "I meant to come to class."

In her eyes, cheating has become a more casual practice around campus. She said she believes the severity has been compromised and honor code infractions are now passed off with an innocent wink-wink. The honest students always outweigh the dishonest, however, and each semester, Grace looks out on a lecture hall filled with new potential.

Grace said her mission is to make an impression on the way her students view the world around them.

"I want my students to leave my class and see the earth differently," Grace said. "Maybe they won't buy that house in the floodplain. Maybe they'll think about getting earthquake insurance."

Nonetheless, Grace shows a passion for the subject she teaches.

"You've got to study what you love," Grace said.



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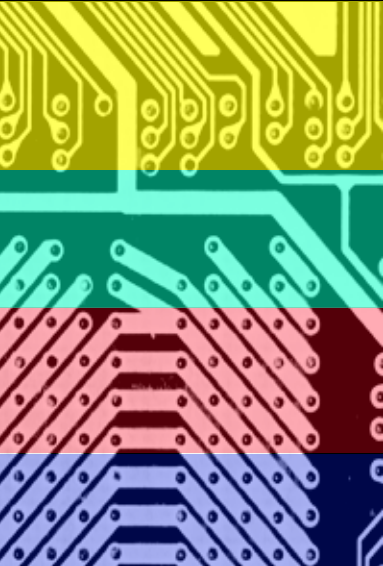
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Bianco welcomes former players for alumni weekend

BY AUSTIN MILLER
The Daily Mississippian

After a decade of excellence under coach Mike Bianco, which included nine postseason appearances and four Super Regional spots in the last six seasons, Ole Miss baseball hosts its inaugural alumni weekend February 4-5.

“Finally, after 10 years, I feel the time is right,” Bianco said. “I’ve been here for a decade and a lot of coaches are former players, so it seems like the perfect time for an alumni weekend.”

The weekend includes social events and a golf tournament, but the highlight is Saturday’s alumni game which features Rebels in the professional ranks competing against the 2011 team. The game is set to start at 1 p.m. and among the highlights is free admission for students with their ID and the anticipated unveiling of Swayze Field’s new video board.

“The motivation for the weekend is two-fold,” Bianco said. “One is we’re having this weekend to welcome back former players of all dif-

ferent eras., but then we’re also having this game which is surrounded by the weekend. The game I think is also for the fans. It’s a great event for the fans to see former players that are still playing professionally compete against the 2011 team.”

Among the alumni that will compete is the 2009 National League Rookie of the Year Chris Coghlan and last year’s Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Year and All-American Drew Pomeranz. Other notable alumni include Lance Lynn, Jordan Henry and former All-American Stephen Head. Aaron Barrett, Tim Ferguson and Kevin Mort will also be back from last year’s team to play for the alumni.

“It’s pretty unique and it will be a lot of fun to watch,” said Fuller Smith, director of baseball operations. “We’re looking forward to having all of our guys back. All of our guys in the pros that are coming back will get to play in a game. They will get some good reps against competition and it’s a good chance to see live pitching before they head off to spring training.”

As the start of the 2011 season draws near competition for starting jobs in the lineup, weekend rotation and bullpen will begin to heat up and coaches will have to make important decisions. Saturday’s alumni game provides an opportunity for current Rebels to make a case for playing time, while also giving fans a first glimpse at the 2011 team against quality competition.

“We’re preparing every day for the season,” Smith said. “There are guys that will be fighting for a starting job in the alumni game. When they go out to throw, they’re going to be competing for a starting job, as well as at the plate. It’s going to be a lot of fun for our guys and the pros, but there’s also a season inside this game, where we’re preparing for our season.”

Ole Miss opens the 2011 season Feb. 18 against Wright State. For students who did not purchase the all-sports pass, student baseball season tickets are available for purchase at OleMissSports.com. For \$56 students can gain entrance to all 33 home games with their student ID.

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8	Chris Coghlan, OF, 2004-06
9	Brett Basham, C, 2006-09
10	Justin Henry, INF, 2005-07
12	Jordan Henry, OF, 2007-09
13	Drew Pomeranz, , LHP, 2008-10
14	Mark Holliman, RHP, 2003-05
18	Stephen Head, LHP, 2003-05
20	Alex Presley, OF, 2004-06
21	Nathan Baker, LHP, 2007-09
26	Ryan Bukvich, RHP, 1998-99
30	Aaron Barrett, RHP, 2009-10
33	Lance Lynn, RHP, 2006-08
34	Brett Bukvich, LHP, 2006-09
36	Phil Irwin, RHP, 2007-09

Lady Rebels earn hard-fought win at Florida



AUSTIN MCAFEE | The Daily Mississippian

BY KAITLYN DUBOSE
The Daily Mississippian

After a tough few games the Lady Rebels got a big win over Florida last night with a final score of 61-59.

The Lady Rebels improve to 10-11 overall and 3-6 in Southeastern Conference play.

The team took an early lead of 5-0 and Florida never recovered. Late in the first half the Gators tied the score at 24 but the Lady Rebels came back to end the first half ahead, 30-24.

Even though the Lady Rebels never let go of the lead, it was an up-

and-down second half. The Gators pulled within two points early in the second half, but the Lady Rebels responded, extending the lead to 50-40.

Late in the second half, the Lady Rebels had to step up. With 1:02 left to play, Florida tied the game 56-56. Following an exciting minute of play, with a jumper by freshman forward Pa’Sonna Hope and freshman guard Shea Nelson hitting two free throws, the score was 60-56. But with 2.0 seconds left, Florida hit a three.

Hope was fouled quickly on the

in-bounds pass and made one of her two free throws to seal the victory for the Lady Rebels.

“We make it interesting,” Ole Miss coach Renee Ladner said. “But I am proud of the effort across the board.”

Hope finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman guard Valencia McFarland scored 20 points, Nelson had 15 points and sophomore forward Courtney Marbra added nine rebounds.

The Lady Rebels host LSU on Sunday at 1 p.m. The game will be on the SEC Network.

Rebels in the Super Bowl

BY PAUL KATOOL
The Daily Mississippian

On Sunday the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Green Bay Packers face off in Super Bowl XLV. For the 23rd time, a former Ole Miss football player will be a participant in the nation’s most recognized sporting spectacle. Mike Wallace, the Steelers leading receiver, finds himself in the Super Bowl after just his second year removed from suiting up in red and blue. Wallace is the first former Reb to play in the Super Bowl since Eli Manning floated a touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress in Super Bowl XLII’s final moments to defeat the previously undefeated New England Patriots. On Sunday, Wallace gets his own shot at Super Bowl glory.

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Super Bowl XXIV: Wesley Walls, tight end, San Francisco; Andre Townsend, defensive tackle, Denver
Super Bowl XXX: Alundis Brice, defensive back, Dallas

Super Bowl XXXII: Willie Green, wide receiver, Denver
Super Bowl XXXVIII: Willie Green, wide receiver, Denver; Nate Wayne, linebacker, Denver
Super Bowl XXXVIII: Kris Mangum, tight end, Carolina; Tutan Reyes, offensive guard, Carolina
Super Bowl XXXIX: Derrick Burgess, defensive line, Philadelphia; Nate Wayne, linebacker, Philadelphia
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Kennedy's Rebels must carry momentum at Arkansas

BY REID BARRINEAU
The Daily Mississippian

The Ole Miss basketball team got exactly what it needed Tuesday evening. Andy Kennedy's team secured its biggest win of the season, and perhaps its biggest win in several seasons, by defeating the No. 10 Kentucky Wildcats in thrilling fashion at the Tad Pad. But that's over. As great as the win was – and it was great for Ole Miss basketball as a program – it's only one game, and the Rebels must move on. Knocking off a top-10 foe and securing a marquee win can serve as one of two things: an isolated highlight to a sea-

son or a catalyst that sparks future success. Ole Miss knows it needs to be the latter. "It's time to start stringing wins together," said Kennedy. "It was nice to show that we can win these type games against a top ten team. And now, it means nothing if you don't put it together. So, my hope is that it gives us a little pep in our step." Stringing wins together is easier said than done, especially when your next game is on the road against a division opponent. But the Southeastern Conference Western Division is relatively weak this year, and the Rebels have the ability to beat any divisional opponent on any given evening.

Although the Rebels are 2-5 so far in SEC play, their toughest conference games are behind them. In fact, eight of their nine remaining (not including the SEC Tournament) conference games are against West opponents (South Carolina is the only East opponent). While expecting the Rebels to run the table down the stretch is a bit much, a winning record in SEC play is far from out of the question. A strong finish to the regular season and a good showing in Atlanta could allow the Rebels to play their way back into the NCAA Tournament mix. Kentucky is guaranteed to be a quality win and both Penn State and Southern Miss have the potential to be Top-50 RPI teams by Selection Sunday. If Ole Miss stock is trending upward at the end of the season and the Rebels defeat a quality East opponent in the SEC Tournament, an at-large selection is not out of the question. But, with at least ten games remaining, that's all mere speculation. Virginia Tech coach Seth Greenberg always told me that the college basketball season was a marathon, not a sprint, and that was a composition of vignettes. He's right. Though some games are more important than others, the game in the rear view mirror doesn't affect the one on the horizon. The Kentucky game was a




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Buckner had 12 points in the Rebels 71-69 win over Kentucky on Monday.

great one for Ole Miss, but it'll be irrelevant in Fayetteville on Saturday. Tuesday evening the Rebels showed that they have

the potential to be the best in the West; now it's time to see if they will live up to their potential.

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